

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

23. (currently amended) An elastic article comprising

- a) an active ingredient comprising at least an enzyme; and
- b) a matrix formed from a polymeric material and a plasticiser, ~~provided that~~  
when the plasticiser consists of water, said water is present at a level at least 3% up to 15% by weight of the matrix,

wherein the article is adapted to deliver the active ingredient to an aqueous environment; wherein said article has a mean particle size of from about 50 to about 4000 microns; said matrix has a glass transition temperature (Tg) below about 50°C; and at least a part of said active ingredient is present in the matrix.

24. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said active ingredient is active in aqueous environments and wherein said article is water dispersible, water-disintegrating or water soluble.

25. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said matrix has a Tg between about -20°C and about 20°C and an elastic modulus of less than 1 GN.m<sup>-2</sup>.

26. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said article is in the form of a foam which is stable upon contact with air and unstable upon contact with water.

27. (canceled)

28-33 (canceled)

34. (previous presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein the polymeric material comprises a water soluble polymer.
35. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said article has a relative density of from about 0.05 to about 0.9.
36. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, further comprising closed cells and open cells, wherein the ratio of closed to open cells is at least 1 to 1.
37. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of: cleaning product ingredients, fabric care ingredients, pharmaceutical ingredients, cosmetic ingredient, and mixtures thereof.
38. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said active ingredient further comprising an ingredient selected from the group consisting of: perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, dyes, suds suppressers, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, fabric conditioners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems and mixtures thereof.
- 39-41. (canceled)
42. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 23, wherein said article comprises a cleaning composition, fabric care composition, cosmetic composition, personal care composition or pharmaceutical composition.
43. (previously presented) A cleaning composition, fabric care composition, cosmetic composition, personal care composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising the elastic article according to claim 23.

44. (previously presented) A method of delivering active ingredients, said method comprising the step of incorporating said active ingredient into the elastic article of claim 23 and delivering said active ingredient to an aqueous environment; wherein said active ingredient is a detergent active ingredient.
45. (previously presented) A method of using an elastic article in a composition, said method comprising the steps of incorporating the elastic article of claim 23 into a composition, said composition being selected from the group consisting of: cleaning compositions, fabric care compositions, personal care compositions, cosmetic compositions, pharmaceutical compositions and mixtures thereof.
46. (previously presented) The method of claim 45, further compositing the step of incorporating into said composition an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of: perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, dyes, suds suppressers, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, fabric conditioners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems, and mixtures thereof.
47. (currently amended) A process for producing a foamed elastic article of claim 23, said process comprising the steps of
- obtaining a mixture of a polymeric material and a plasticiser;
  - chemically or physically introducing gas in said mixture;
  - prior to, simultaneously with or subsequent to step (b), adding an active ingredient to said mixture; and
  - shaping of articles produced following step (c);
- wherein the active ingredient comprising at least an enzyme and the plasticiser consists of water.
48. (currently amended) The process according to claim 47, wherein ~~the plasticizer comprises water so that~~ the mixture of step (a) is an aqueous mixture and wherein during step (b), (c) and/or (d), water is removed such that the resulting article comprises at least 3% by weight of the matrix of free moisture.

49. (previously presented) The process according to claim 47, wherein the shaping step (d) is performed by spraying, extrusion, moulding or micropastillisation.
50. (currently amended) A process for producing an elastic article of claim 23 having cells within, said process comprising the steps of
- a. forming a mixture of a polymeric material, an active ingredient, a plasticizer and a liquid;
  - b. shaping a resultant body from step (a); and
  - c. evaporating at least a portion of liquid to form spacings in the mixture which form an inner area of cells within the elastic article;
- wherein the active ingredient comprising at least an enzyme and the plasticiser consists of water.
51. (previously presented) The process according to claim 50, wherein step (c) is performed by freeze drying or by heating the body thereby causing at least a portion of the liquid to evaporate.